

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

PRESENTED BY TILLAMOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Title III projects

The County Commissioners received five applications for Title III funds. As required by the program, a 45-day public comment period is necessary before the funds can be awarded. The public is encouraged to review the applications and make written comment to the commissioners.

Copies of all the applications are available in the Commissioners Office, 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook. As part of their weekly board meeting, the commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, at which time the applicants will make presentations on their projects and be available for questions. Public comments on the proposed projects will also be received at that time.

Summaries of the five projects are as follows:

Tillamook School District 9, Natural Resource Education Programs, requested \$90,000 to serve students in the three Tillamook County School Districts by providing opportunities for quality after-school functions and summer school activities in forestry education in each

of the communities served by the 3 - k12 Districts. Each district has designed forestry education programs that meet the needs of the students, teachers and community partners in their areas.

Tillamook School District 9, Tillamook County Outdoor School, requested \$17,500. Tillamook Outdoor School Program serves all 6th grade students in Tillamook County schools. School staff attend and stay overnight, as well. Students participate in field studies related to water, forestry and natural resource education under the direction of a resource instructor, their classroom teacher and two to eight high school student counselors.

OSU Extension Service, Tillamook County 4-H Forestry Program, requested \$51,571. It would provide 4-H Forestry After School Program for elementary students in each of the three school districts, including an increase in the after-school programming and weekly forestry activities at the YMCA and bi-weekly at the NCRD; provided by the 4-H Forestry Education Coordinator.

This proposal also includes two after-school programs at Nestucca Valley Elementary, Garibaldi Elementary and Nehalem Elementary (six weeks/one day a week). New

this year are funds for weekly after school programs at Tillamook Junior High and High Schools to prepare students for the National/State 4-H Forestry Invitational.

Also includes eight-day camps, including three spring break day camps and five summer day camps for elementary and middle school youth.

Sheriff Todd Anderson requested \$40,000 for a half-time forestry deputy, in a partnership between federal and private land owners to protect the forest. It would increase patrols to prevent crime and detect fires. The deputy will be a trained first responder. Time will be spent 50/50 on federal and private lands.

Sheriff Todd Anderson requested \$25,000 for the Tillamook County Search and Rescue Team. This proposal would help the Search and Rescue Team to respond to lost or injured people anywhere in the county. It would increase the certified rope rescue team by 10 people to insure at least four or five personnel can respond to calls. There would be teams in all three parts of the county.

Road overlays and striping

County road crews started their annual asphalt overlays with Trask River Road the week

of July 17. After completing Trask River Road, they will move to North County and progress southward. Most of the county road crews will be working in support of the paving operations. Mowing operations will continue during paving.

The county's striping contractor has also started work in South County. Subject to weather, striping should be done in one to two weeks with make up striping later in the areas of the new overlays.

Solid waste workshop

The Commissioners will hold a workshop with the Tillamook County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. in Commissioners Meeting Room A of the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook. The group will discuss the role of the committee members.

The commissioners' evening meetings will resume in the fall with the first meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. (place to be determined in Central County).

Veterans Service Office

Tillamook County's Veterans Service Office is at 6385 Tillamook Ave., Bay City. The phone number is 377-0294.